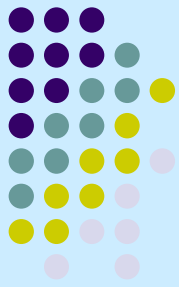


Intimate Partner Homicide in New Jersey

March 28, 2006

**New Jersey Violent Death Reporting System
Advisory Committee Meeting**



Data Sources:

Death certificates

Report of Investigation by Medical Examiner (RIME)

Supplemental Homicide Reports (SHR)

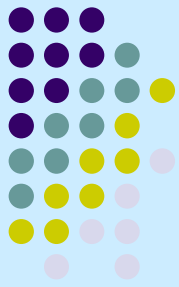
Domestic Violence Reports

County Prosecutor files

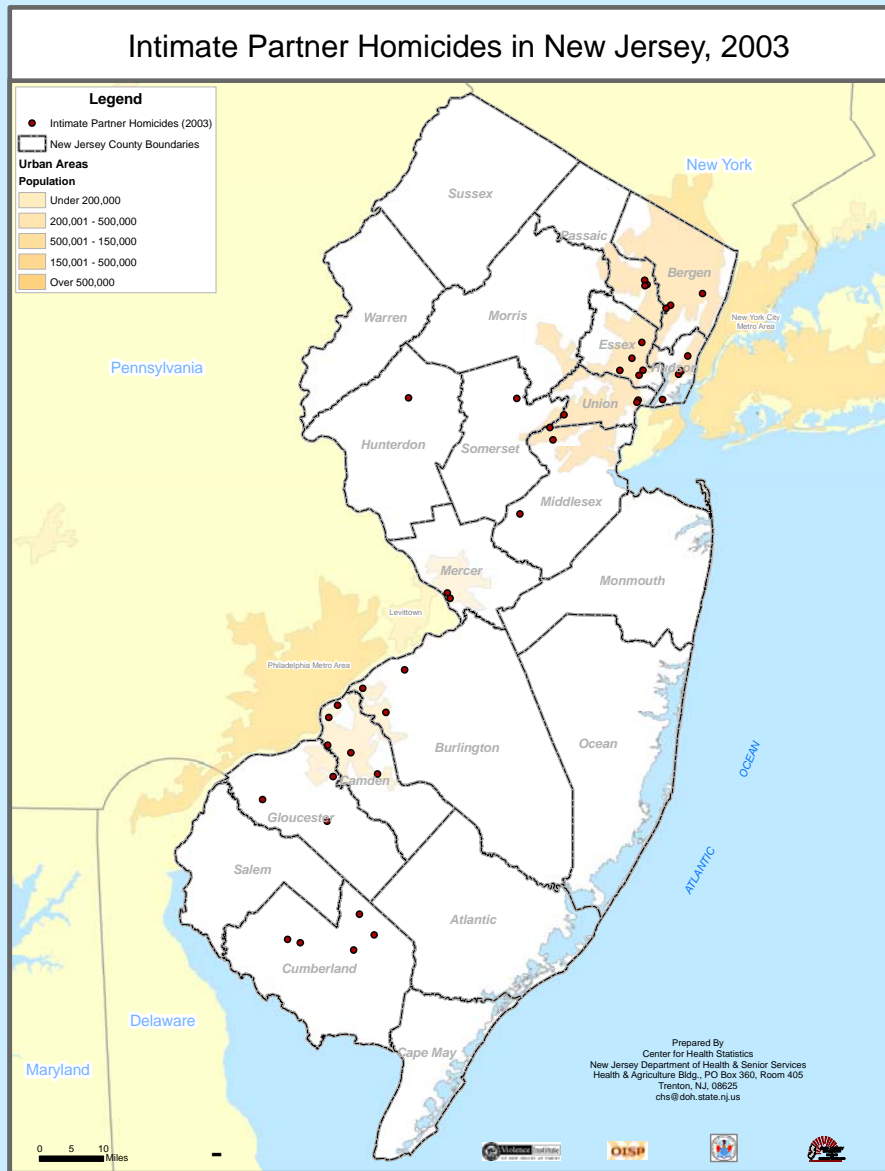
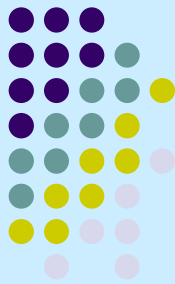
Ballistics Reports

New Jersey Child Fatality and Near Fatality Review Board

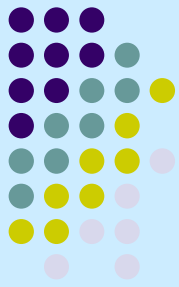
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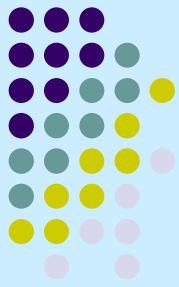
- Located in the Office of Injury Surveillance and Prevention, Center for Health Statistics, NJDHSS
- Partner: The Violence Institute, UMDNJ
- CDC-funded surveillance system – all violent fatalities
- Combines health and law enforcement data
- Incident-based
- Can identify incidents such as murder-suicide and intimate partner homicides...



NJVDRS data collection on IPV



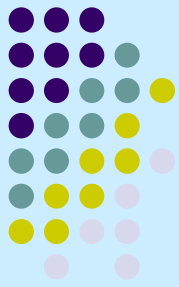
- Will be adding variables to better measure:
 - Status of relationship i.e. “current” v. “former” partner
 - History of prior violence – including restraining order
 - Other circumstances



Homicide in New Jersey, 2003

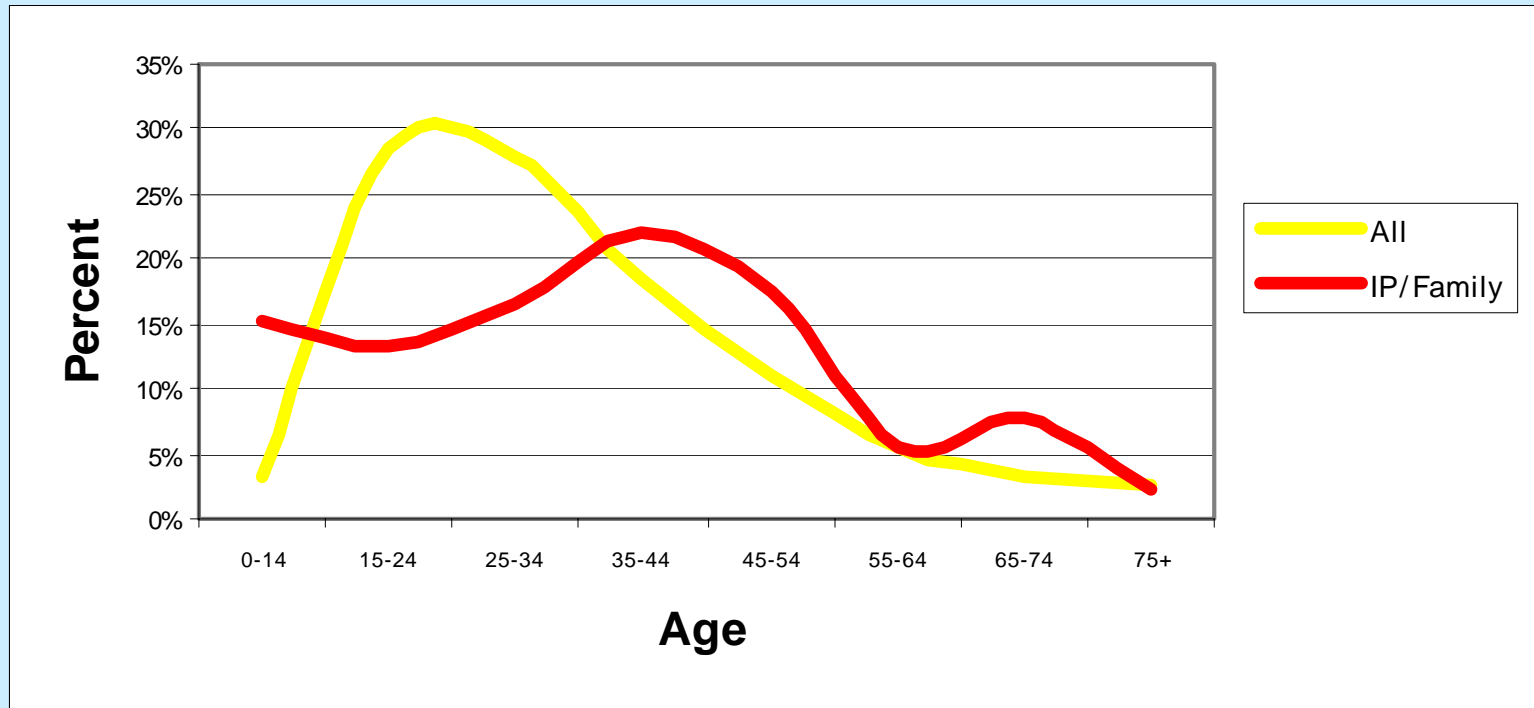
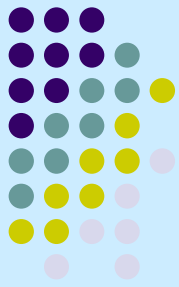
- 450 total homicides
- 90 Family/Intimate Partner homicides
- 56 Intimate Partner homicides
- 11 Murder/Suicides
- 8 Intimate Partner Murder/Suicides

Victims of IPV homicides....

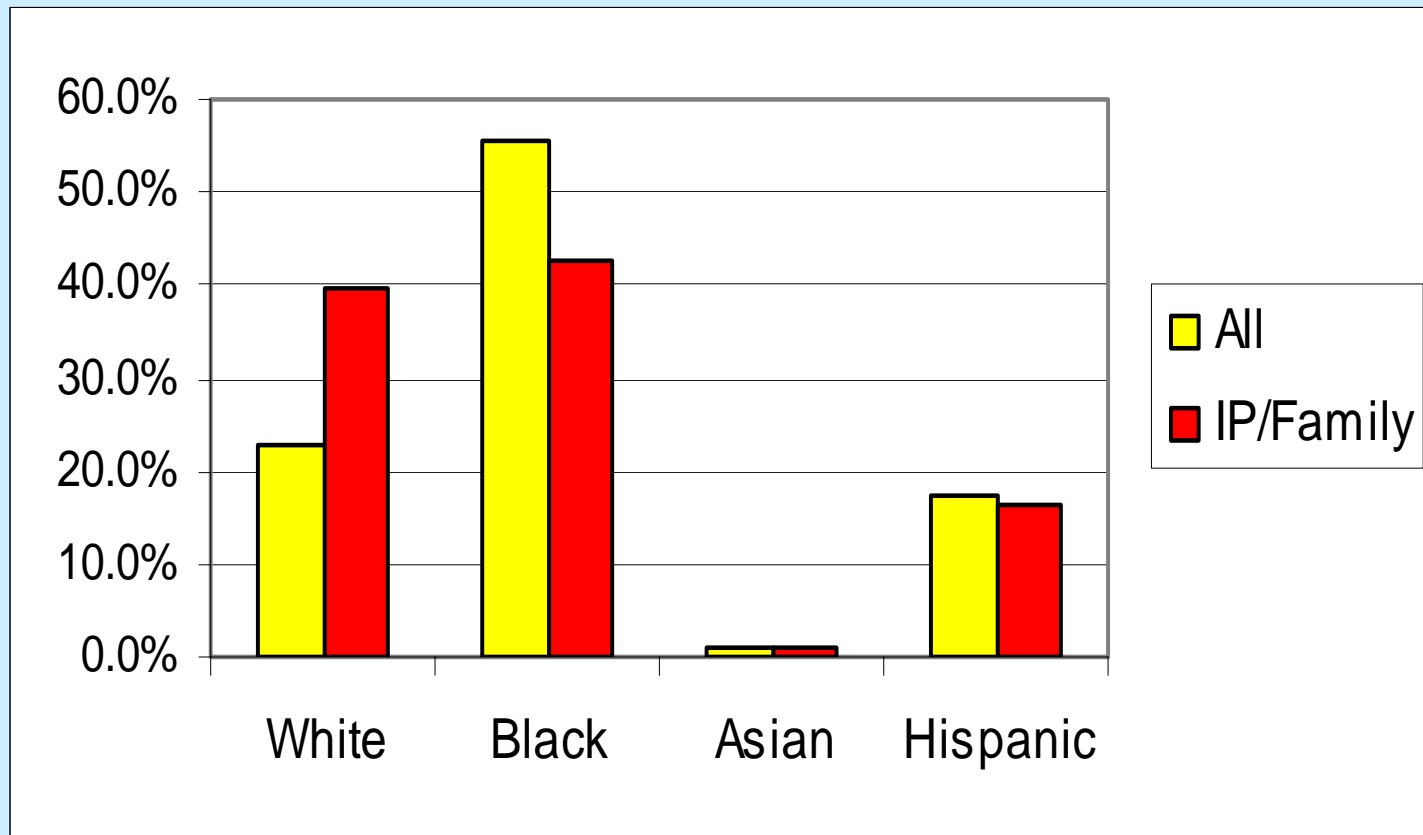
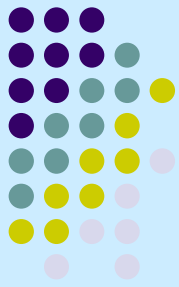


- Are older
- More likely to be female
- More likely to be non-Hispanic white
- More likely to be killed with a weapon other than a gun
- When compared with other homicide victims

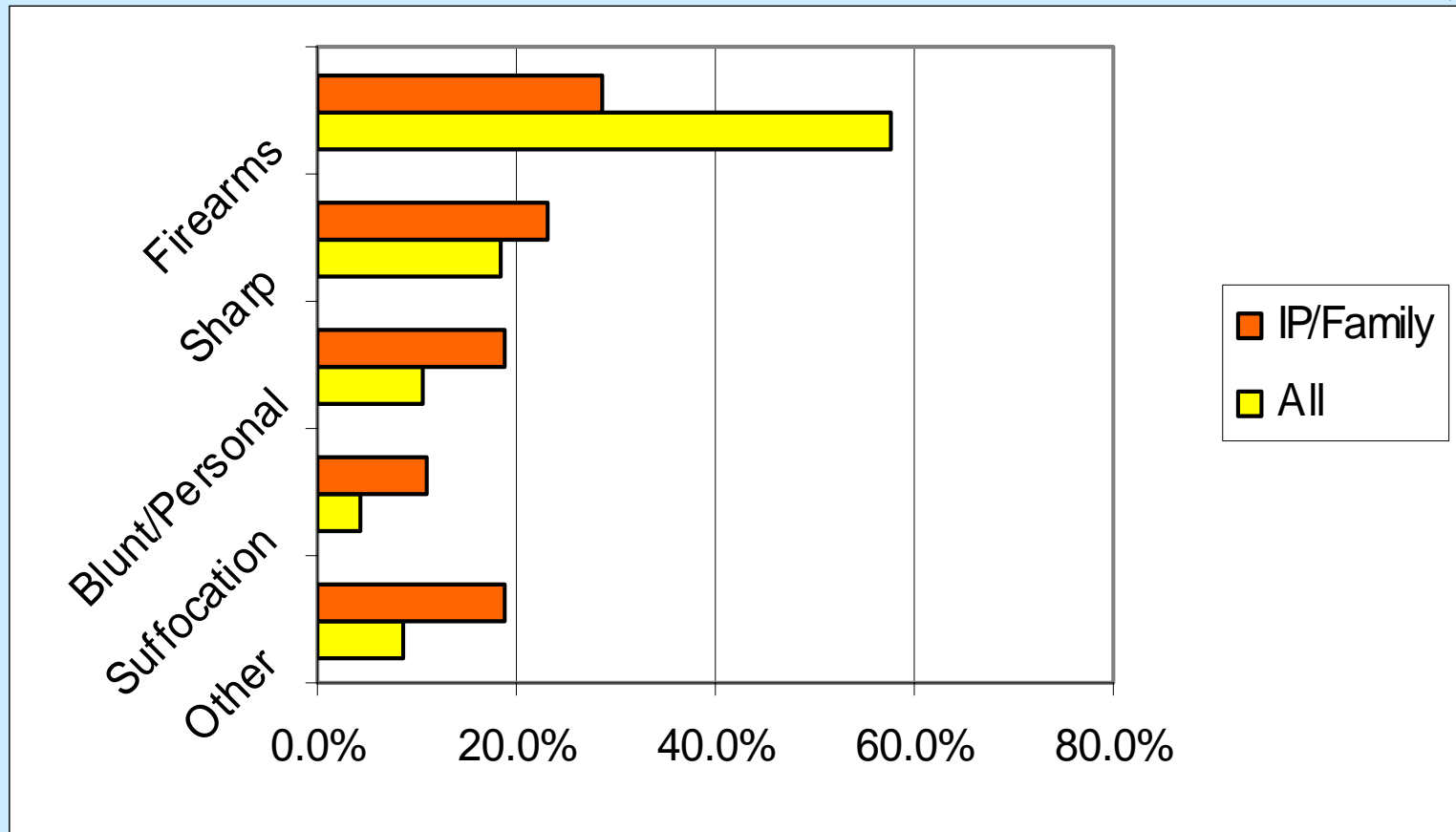
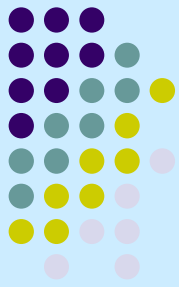
Age of homicide victims



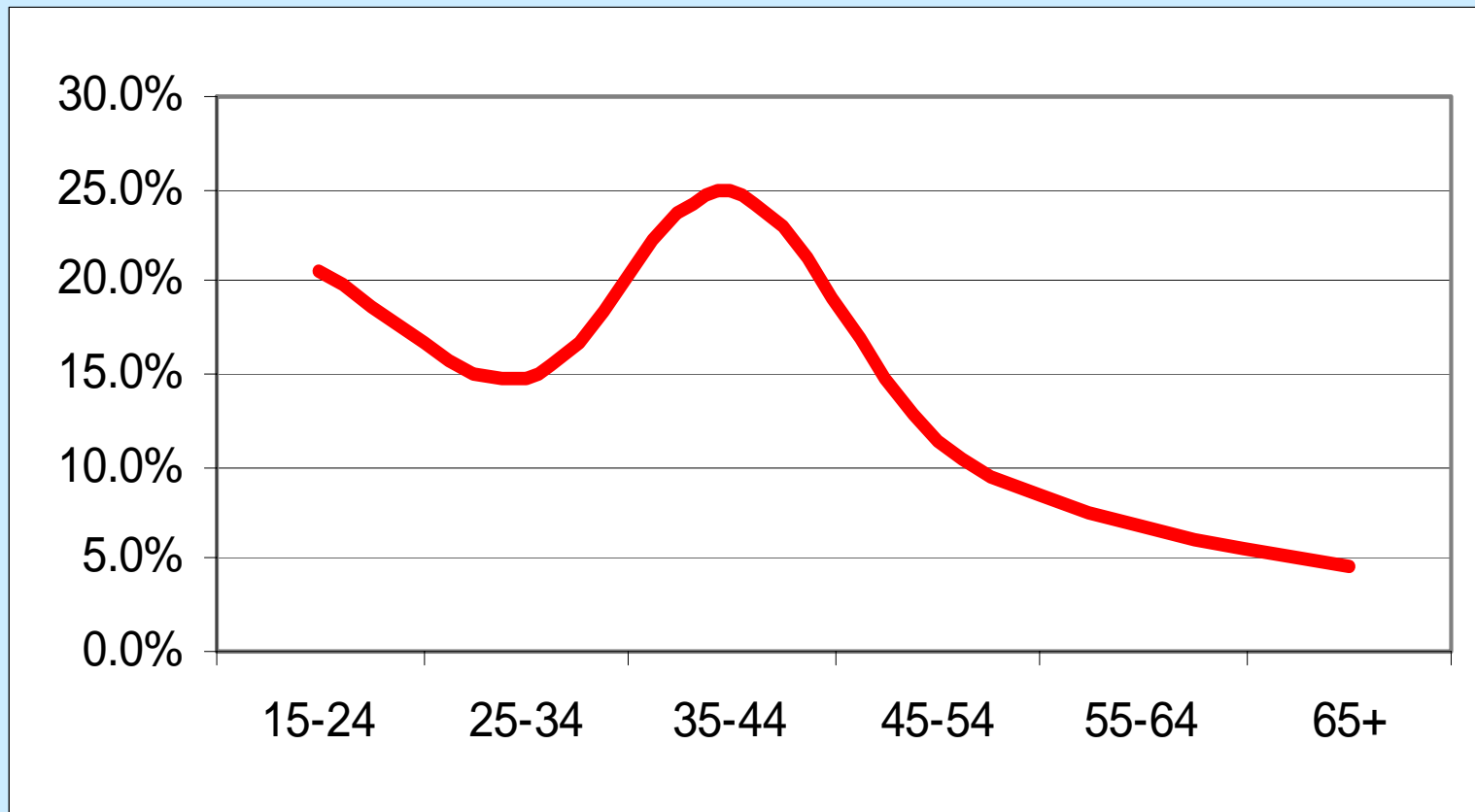
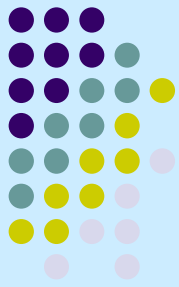
Race/ethnicity of homicide victims

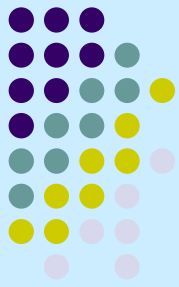


Weapon used in homicides



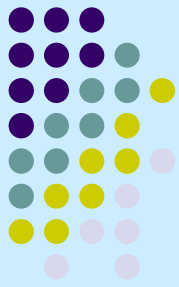
Age of perpetrators of family/IP homicides





Intimate Partner Homicides

- Fifty-six New Jerseyans were killed by a current or former intimate partner in 2003
- There were four additional deaths of minor children and others which occurred as part of these incidents.
- In 8 incidents, the suspect committed suicide

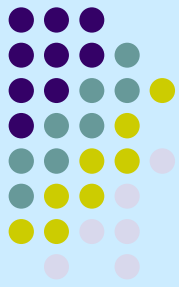


IPV victims, 2003

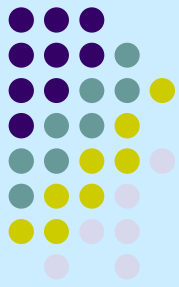
	N	Mean Age
Males	10	38
Females	46	37

IP homicides – relation to suspect

Female victims



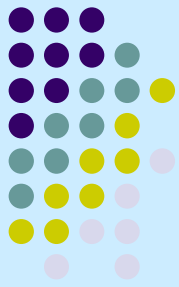
	N	%
Spouse	15	33%
Boyfriend	12	26%
Ex-Boyfriend	10	22%
Child	2	4%
Other	7	15%



Male victims

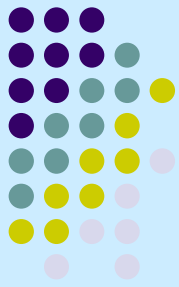
- There are only 10 male victims in 2003
- But none were ex-IP

Weapons used in IP homicides



- Firearm – 32%
- Sharp – 23%
- Blunt – 17%
- Suffocation – 8%

Circumstances: substance use



- About 26% of female victims and 40% of male victims had been using alcohol
- Known history of domestic violence: 14%
- Suspect committed suicide in 8 cases